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SUBJECT: NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 113469 (DTG 040125Z MAY 78), (B) USNATO 4490,
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1. SINCE MFA NATO DIRECTOR VAN VLOTEN OUT OF TOWN, POL COUNS
SAW DEPUTY DIRECTOR WARMENHOVEN AND CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS
REF A, MENTIONING IN PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO
FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF SECOND DUTCH BRIGADE, THE NEED FOR
DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL RESERVE BRIGADES AND SUMMIT ENDORSEMENT
AND/OR APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY DEFENSE
MINISTERS.

2. ON FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF SECOND DUTCH BRIGADE, WARMENHOVEN
INDICATED THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR BARKMAN FOR MAY 8
DPC PERM REPS MEETING WILL STRESS (A) NEED FOR MORE TIME TO
STUDY SACEUR REPORT, CONSULT OTHERS AS REQUIRED AND EXAMINE
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, AND (B) DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING SPECIFIC
DISCUSSION AT THE SUMMIT OF THE DUTCH BRIGADE.

3. ON THE ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL RESERVE BRIGADES, WARMENHOVEN
CLAIMED UNFAMILIARITY WITH DETAIL BUT UNDERTOOK TO TAKE THIS
MATTER UP AGAIN WITH MOD.

4. WARMEN HOVEN SAID GON DID NOT WANT TO BE LONE HOLDOUT ON
ISSUE OF SUMMIT ENDORSEMENT/APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS
FORWARDED BY DEFENSE MINISTERS. THE GON HAD INITIALLY THOUGHT
IT DESIRABLE NOT TO OVERLOAD SUMMIT WITH FULL SPREAD OF
LTDP. ON THIS POINT, HOWEVER, THE HAGUE WOULD BE FLEXIBLE.

5. DURING DISCUSSION, WARMENHOVEN COMMENTED THAT THE HAGUE
DID NOT VIEW SUMMIT DECISIONS ON LTDP AS BLANK CHECKS. HE
EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER THAT GON LIKE USG ATTACHED MAJOR
IMPORTANCE TO SUCCESS OF LTDP AT THE SUMMIT.
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